

Attorney Docket No. 990502

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 2, 4-5, 10-11, 18 and 26-27 have been amended. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Applicant respectfully responds to this Office Action.

Election/Restriction Requirements

The Examiner restricted the claims under 35 U.S.C. 121 into two groups and required the Applicant to elect one the two groups. However, Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly claim the disclosed embodiments. Therefore, Applicants believe that the restriction requirement is moot.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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